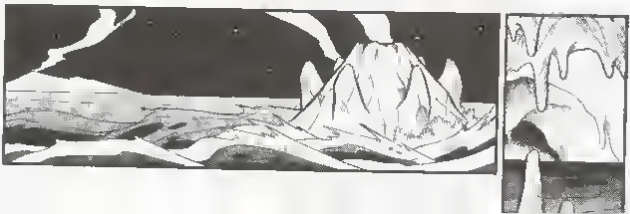
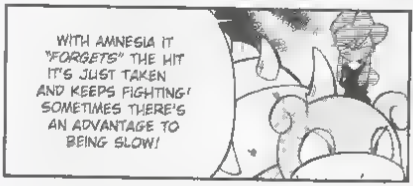
MEAN-WHILE, AT THE CINNABAR ISLAND GYM.
A WHOLE GROUP OF DRAGONS!
KRAK
AAAAAAH!
THE THE GYM!
FFFSSTAH
I'M SURE IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT
WE MUST TRUST THE GOOD TRAINERS WHO ARE BATTLING ON CERISE ISLAND!



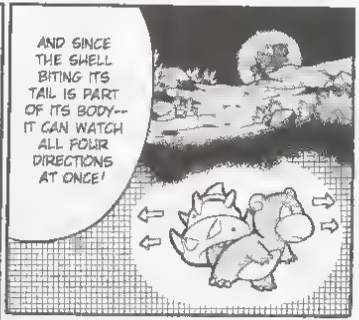
NOW LORELEI THE END!
NICH! SLOWBRO!
ALAKAZAM! PSYCHIC!
BANG THE DRUM, SLOWBRO
NINETEEN SNORT
..? IT'S NOT WORK-ING!?

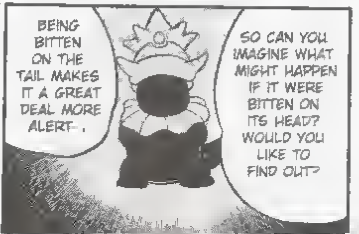
ANTICIPATING SOMETHING LIKE THIS I HAD MY SLOWBRO USE AMNESIA!!


WITH AMNESIA IT "FORGETS" THE HIT IT'S JUST TAKEN AND KEEPS FIGHTING! SOMETIMES THERE'S AN ADVANTAGE TO BEING SLOW!

UHH!!

OF COURSE, ITS SLOWNESS ONLY EXTENDS TO ATTACKS. SLOWBRO CAN BE QUITE SHARP
IT KNEW ABOUT HORSEA'S INK DROP PLOY--AND BROUGHT IT TO ME!


AND SINCE THE SHELL BITING ITS TAIL IS PART OF ITS BODY-- IT CAN WATCH ALL FOUR DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!


BEING BITTEN ON THE TAIL MAKES IT A GREAT DEAL MORE ALERT.
SO CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF IT WERE BITTEN ON ITS HEAD? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT?

DO YOU SEE NOW, SABRINA? NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO... THE ELITE FOUR WILL ALWAYS BE FAR AHEAD OF YOU MANY FOLD!
JYNX!!
LOVELY KISS!
VENOMOTH! ALAKAZAM!!
CURSE YOU--!
AGH!
NN NNN.. GH!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST DITCH THAT DEAD WEIGHT?
THINK OF A WAY TO SAVE YOURSELF, AT LEAST -LIKE CUTTING OFF GREEN'S HAND! DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE FOR THAT... ?
SHE MAY BE A FORMER ENEMY BUT WE MADE A PACT TO FIGHT TOGETHER! AS LONG AS THIS BATTLE LASTS, WE'RE PARTNERS! AND I WILL NOT ABANDON A PARTNER!
THE VERY SENTIMENT-ALITY THAT LED TO TEAM ROCKET'S DEMISE
HOW FIT-TING...
WHEN YOU FALL TOGETHER!
JYNX! POUND!
BASH
AAAAAH!!
PEEK

WHRL
BBBBBB
WHAT!?

BBBBB
BLASTOISE'S WATER GUN...! STILL ALIVE, EH? YOU'RE A STUBBORN ONE!
YOU'RE PROBABLY SMART ENOUGH, GREEN
...TO KNOW WHY I TARGETED YOU FROM THE BEGINNING. DON'T YOU?
BECAUSE I HELPED YELLOW AND GOT IN YOUR WAY!

VERY GOOD
I HAVE BEEN HUMILIATED ENOUGH
BEFORE I DESTROY YOU, THEN, I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE REASONS BEHIND YOUR SUICIDAL ACTS
TP
ALL RIGHT.
AFTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT TWO YEARS AGO, I BEGAN A JOURNEY TO FIND THE BIRD THAT ABDUCTED ME AND TOOK ME TO THAT FAR AWAY LAND!
LANCE...!? WORKING ON TAKING CONTROL OF A GIANT BIRD TYPE POKÉMON!?
NOT JUST THAT...
WAFT WAFT
THEY SAY HE'S INCREDIBLY STRONG, AND HAS SOME KIND OF SPECIAL POWER TO COUNTER IT...
WHAT? HOW DO WE COUNTER IT?
THEY SAY YOU'D NEED A COMBINATION OF ANOTHER VIRIDIAN TRAINER WITH SIMILAR POWERS AND A POKÉMON BORN IN THE SAME FOREST...

A VIRIDIAN TRAINER
KSHH
HUH?
!!
THAT'S RED'S PIKA!? WHY!?
SHE
OH!
I LOST IT!
IT LOOKED HURT...!
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO RED!!

VIRIDIAN FOREST
RUSTLE
CHUP
THERE
KYAA
SHHKK
THAT'S WEIRD... I COULD'VE SWORN IT WENT SOMEWHERE OVER HERE...
EXCUSE ME... DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A PIKACHU RUN BY HERE? IT'S HURT AND...
NO, I HAVE NOT BUT...A MOMENT PLEASE!
MMMM
NO. RATTY HAS NOT SEEN IT EITHER.
YOU... YOU CAN TELL!? YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT POKEMON ARE THINKING!?
VIRIDIAN FOREST.. POSSESSING A SPECIAL POWER.. CAN IT BE...!?

!
FLIP
FLIP
WHAT!?
VSH
C-CAN I SEE THIS FOR A SECOND!? YOU KNOW THIS PERSON!?
SKETCH
YES THIS IS THE ONE WHO SAVED ME WHEN I WAS LOST IN THE FOREST TWO YEARS AGO
ONLY AFTER, I LEARNED THAT HE DEFEATED THE BAD PEOPLE WHO WERE USING THE FOREST...
...SO YOU LOOK UP TO HIM?
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM SINCE THEN?
...NO, I HAVE NOT

HELP_!?
LISTEN I'M A FRIEND OF HIS IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME A LITTLE BIT_?
HE HAPPENS TO BE IN TROUBLE RIGHT NOW_
WHAT!?
THE BOY WHO SAVED ME_
IS IN TROUBLE_!?
VISH
YOU MAY HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE HIM_
SO PLEASE_ WILL YOU HELP?
NOD

SO I DEVISED A PLAN TO SEND THIS YOUNG GIRL OUT TO SEARCH FOR RED... AND TO ACT AS A SCOUT TO HELP ME DISSECT THE ELITE FOUR'S BATTLE STRENGTHS.
I TAUGHT HER A FEW BASIC POKÉMON BATTLE SKILLS, AND THE NEXT DAY...
NOW JUST REMEMBER... FIRST I WANT YOU TO LOOK FOR RED'S INJURED PIKA. SINCE IT PASSED THROUGH HERE, IT'S MOST LIKELY HEADED TOWARD PALLET TOWN.
AFTER THAT, TRY TO TRACK DOWN LEADS TO RED.
RULE NUMBER ONE--NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME, OR WHO MIGHT HAVE SENT YOU ON THIS MISSION.
RULE NUMBER TWO--NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR NAME.
OUR ENEMIES ARE LIKELY TO USE ANY INFORMATION AGAINST US!
I UNDER-STAND.
BOM
WELL... I AM OFF, THEN!

WAIT A MINUTE!
?
KLOP
!?
YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE A LITTLE HARDER TO DISCOVER. IF THEY THINK YOU'RE A BOY.
SO UNTIL YOU CAN USE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A "WOMAN" AS A WEAPON, WE SHOULD PROBABLY HIDE THAT CUTE PONYTAIL!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, "CABALLERO AMARILLO"!!